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USDA Measures Vegetable Chemical Usage

Athens, GA – Beginning October 1, 2020, U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact nearly 290 of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina vegetable growers in order to gather information for the Vegetable Chemical Use Survey.

The survey will collect information on pesticides used, acres treated and rates applied to nine targeted vegetable crops. In addition to the states in the Southern Region, vegetable growers in 17 other states will also hear from NASS, as the agency collects comprehensive U.S. vegetable production practices information.

“Participation in the Vegetable Chemical Use Survey is vital to all participants in this key agricultural sector,” said Anthony Prillaman, Director NASS Southern Regional Field Office. “Responses from vegetable growers will help ensure that chemicals critical to crop production remain available on the market. While these surveys can be lengthy and complex, trained and experienced NASDA (National Association of State Departments of Agriculture) enumerators can work with respondents to make the process go smoothly and relatively quickly. All sectors of the agriculture industry – producers, buyers, suppliers, policy makers, and others - rely on vegetable chemical use data to make sound business decisions,” said Prillaman.

Survey response is protected by federal law (Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347), which keeps respondent identity and answers confidential.

Survey results will be published in NASS’s online database, *Quick Stats*, in July 2021. This database and all NASS reports are available online-at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Southern Regional Field Office at (800) 253-4419.

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